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# Diplomatic Links Panama Rulers

# Call to Arms By Arias in Zone Rapped

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States today suspended diplomatic ties with Panama because of the military ouster last Friday of President Arnulfo Arias.

At the same time, the United States reiterated its disapproval of Arias' call to arms while in the U.S.-administered Canal Zone and expressed hope for a return to constitutional government in Panama.

**THE STATE** Department said it would begin consultations tomorrow with other hemispheric countries on possible recognition of the young military regime headed by Col. Jose P. Pinilla.

Such consultations are provided for under the Rio de Janeiro Declaration of 1965 which is implemented whenever a military takeover occurs in any hemispheric nation.

State Department spokesman Robert McCloskey made it clear that suspension of relations goes into effect automatically in cases such as the one in Panama.

**HE DESCRIBED** the current relationship between the United States and Panama as being in an "intermediate" stage, pending clarification of the situation in the Central American country.

McCloskey said the United States could not "condone or permit the use of a safe haven in the Canal Zone as a political, military or governmental base of operations."

The reference was to Arias' statement from the U.S.-administered territory Sunday night that "it is necessary to take up arms against the lit-

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tle group of military traitors to the fatherland."

**OTHER STATE** Department sources said Arias had been advised of the U.S. position on his plea for resistance and added he will be expected to discontinue such activities.

They said a request by Arias for U.S. military assistance to his cause had been denied.

During this period of suspended relations, McCloskey said, it is routine for the United States to review its aid programs, to defer shipments and to restrict contacts. U.S. economic aid to Panama for fiscal 1968 was listed at $13.9 million dollars and military aid was put at $300,000.

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